

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-37 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Restriction Requirements

The Office Action indicated that claims 1-37 are subject to a restriction requirement. More specifically, the Office Action indicated that Applicant must elect one of the following groups of claims for examination on the merits:

- I. Claims 1-29;
- II. Claims 30-37.

Applicant has reviewed the claims and provisionally elects claims 1-29 for examination on the merits. Applicant also respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement and maintains that claim 30 is generic to both species. Claim 30 provides a valve housing, valve assembly, valve shaft that is capable of moving in axial direction, a valve member and an actuator. Similarly claims 1 through 29 also contain these same elements. For this reason claim 30 is generic to both species, therefore, the restriction requirement should be removed and all of claims 1-37 should be examined since claims 31-37 are all dependent upon claim 30 and will require a search for a valve that contains all of the aforementioned components. For this reason Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement and examination of all existing claims on the merit.

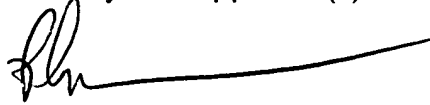
The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at
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Respectfully submitted,

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